

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of using a wireless scheduling device in communication with a wireless network facility to determine availability for a set of attendees, the method comprising:

communicating an availability request from a user to a server to view availability data set for the set of attendees using the wireless scheduling device, the server having access to the calendar data for each attendee in the set of attendees and to an indication of whether an attendee has granted the user permission to access view the the attendee's calendar-availability data; and

receiving, by the wireless scheduling device from the server, the availability data set only for those attendees who have granted permission to access-view the attendee's their calendar-availability data.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further including:

displaying data derived from the availability data set on the wireless scheduling device.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the data derived from the availability data set is displayed as free time and busy time.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the availability request is communicated to the server via a network.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein the network includes the Internet.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the availability request includes an identifier for each attendee and a time period for which availability should be determined.
7. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the identifier for each attendee is an email address.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the calendar data for each attendee is stored in an availability database in communication with the server.
9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further including:
scheduling an event based on the availability data set.
10. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the event is scheduled using the wireless scheduling device.
11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, further including:
updating the ~~calendar~~-availability data for each attendee with the scheduled event.
12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
requesting permission to ~~access-view~~ to the ~~calendar~~-availability data for at least one attendee in the set of attendees.
13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12, wherein access to the ~~calendar~~-availability data is requested via email over the Internet.
14. (Currently Amended) A system for determining schedule availability of a set of attendees using a wireless scheduling device, the system comprising:
a first process, running on the wireless scheduling device in communication with a server, for communicating an availability request from a user to the server to view the attendees' availability data, the server having access to calendar data for each attendee in the set of attendees and to an indication of whether an attendee granted permission to ~~access-view~~ the attendees' ~~the calendar~~availability data;
a second process, running on the wireless scheduling device, for requesting permission to ~~access-view~~ the ~~calendar~~-availability data for an attendee in the set of attendees; and
a third process, running on the wireless scheduling device, for receiving the availability data set for those attendees who have granted permission to ~~access-view~~ the attendees' ~~their calendar~~-availability data.
15. (Original) A system according to claim 14, further including:

a fourth process, running on the wireless scheduling device, for displaying data derived from the availability data set on the wireless scheduling device.

16. (Original) A system according to claim 15, wherein the data derived from the availability data set is displayed as free time and busy time.
17. (Original) A system according to claim 14, wherein the availability request is communicated to the server via a network.
18. (Original) A system according to claim 17, wherein the network includes the Internet.
19. (Original) A system according to claim 14, wherein the availability request includes an identifier for each attendee and a time period for which availability should be determined.
20. (Original) A system according to claim 19, wherein the identifier for each attendee is an email address.
21. (Original) A system according to claim 14, wherein the calendar data for each attendee is stored in an availability database in communication with the server.
22. (Currently Amended) A wireless scheduling device comprising:
 - availability logic for creating an availability request to determine availability for a set of attendees;
 - transmission logic for ~~requesting~~ transmitting the availability request and a permission request to access-view calendar-availability data of the set of attendees and for communicating the availability request to a server to view availability data for the set of attendees, the server having access to calendar data for each attendee in the set of attendees and to an indication of whether an attendee granted permission to ~~access-view~~ the calendar-availability data; and
 - receiving logic for receiving an availability data set produced at the server for the set of attendees who have granted permission to ~~access-view~~ the calendar-availability data.

23. (Original) A wireless scheduling device according to claim 22, further including:
display logic for displaying data derived from the availability data set.

24. (Original) A wireless scheduling device according to claim 23, wherein the data
derived from the availability data set is displayed as free time and busy time.

25. (Original) A wireless scheduling device according to claim 22, wherein the
availability request includes an identifier for each of the attendees and a time period for
which availability should be determined.

26. (Original) A wireless scheduling device according to claim 25, wherein the
identifier for each attendee is an email address.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the permission to ~~access-~~
view the calendar-availability data of the attendee is stored in an availability database in
communication with the server.

28. (Currently Amended) A system for determining availability of a set of attendees
using a wireless scheduling device, the system comprising:

an availability database for storing calendar data for an attendee and an indication
of whether the attendee granted permission to ~~access-view the calendar-availability~~ data;
and

a server in communication with the database, the server adapted to receive an
availability request from the wireless scheduling device to view the attendee's
availability data, search the calendar data for the attendee to produce availability data,
and transmit to the wireless scheduling device the availability data only for those
attendees who have granted permission to ~~access-view the attendees' their calendar-~~
availability data.

29. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

communicating a second availability request, wherein the second availability
request is a request from the attendee to access the availability data of the user.

30. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the attendee has granted the user permission to view the attendee's availability data only during a specified period of time.